GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

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WELFARE SCHEME FOR INDUSTRIAL WORKERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workers/labourers engaged in various industrial institutions in the country, State-wise and company-wise;

(b) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for safety and welfare of these workers;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of workers benefited therefrom;

(d) whether the workers are being reportedly exploited in various institutions; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a): The number of factories and workers/labourers employed in industrial institutions in the country State-wise for the year 2005 is given in the Annexure. Company wise figures are not maintained.

(b): Yes, Sir. The Government of India has enacted a comprehensive legislation viz. the Factories Act, 1948 which provides for requirements concerning safety, health and welfare facilities for workers including contract workers employed in factories. The provisions of the Factories Act, 1948 and the Rules framed thereunder are enforced by the respective State Governments/UT Administrations through their Directorate/Inspectorate of Factories.

(c): The Factories Act, 1948 contains detailed provisions regarding safety, health and welfare of workers under Sections 2 (m)
(i), 2(m)
(ii) or as notified by the respective State Governments/UT Administrations under Section 85 of the Act. All the workers employed in the factories are entitled to the benefits under the various provisions of the Act.

(d): The appropriate Government for implementation of the provisions of the Factories Act, 1948 is the concerned State Government/UT Administration. The Government of India does not have any specific report regarding exploitation in various institutions.

(e): Does not arise.